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When the attached comments were picked up from [redacted] he gave me some background regarding his feelings with respect to the comments in paragraph 2 which provide for the Vital Materials file to be under the jurisdiction of the Cable Secretary. He says that the Cable Secretary was established primarily as the authority to determine who should receive copies of cables and, on this premise, the reverse should be true, that is, they should also be the ones to determine who will see copies of old cables.

It was with this in mind that he made the recommendation contained in his memo of 14 July 1954 referred to in paragraph 3 of these comments. It is also his reason for agreeing with our recommendation for an overall survey as the result of which he feels there would only be one conclusion, that is, the reference file should be under the jurisdiction of and maintained by the Cable Secretary.

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